

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TITLE : **CHEWABLE SOFT CAPSULE HAVING
IMPROVED INGESTION PROPERTY AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 31, 2008, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination, this Preliminary Amendment, and respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

The shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action expired April 30, 2008. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.